

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20875

The purpose of this legislation is to establish Governor's big game auction tags and provide authority to the Fish and Game Commission to designate limited big game tags as a strategy to raise some revenue for the Department of Fish and Game programs. The legislation authorizes the Commission to designate one moose, and up to three elk, deer and antelope tags respectively, and it may designate one wild sheep and one mountain goat tag per year. Tags would be taken from the nonresident tag pool thereby not diminishing resident hunting opportunity. Funds received from auction would be directed to the fish and game department for use toward hunter access, big game management projects, habitat management projects, and research and planning activities to facilitate habitat solutions.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the state general fund but there will be a positive fiscal impact to the Fish and Game department budget for dedicated uses depending upon the auction price for each tag in a given year. An estimate is up to \$200,000 positive revenue per year.

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